

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1,2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either one of Hazel in U.S. Patent 3,468,421, Huval in U.S. Patent No. 3,471,401, Fett in U.S. Patent No. 4,039,441, or Gentry in U.S. Patent No. 3,853,766. Additionally, claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cordier in U.S. Patent No. 4,276,181 and claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Going in U.S. Patent No. 3,414,129 or Storm in U.S. Patent No. 1,235,395. Claims 3, 6, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over any one of Hazel, U.S. Patent No. 3,468,421, Huval, U.S. Patent No. 3,471,401, Fett, U.S. Patent No. 4,039,441, or Gentry, U.S. Patent No. 3,853,766 as applied to claims 1, 4 and 7, and further in view of Rymal, U.S. Patent No. 5,368,747. Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hazel, U.S. Patent No. 3,468,421, Huval, U.S. Patent No. 3,471,401, Fett, U.S. Patent No. 4,039,441, or Gentry, U.S. Patent No. 3,853,766 and further in view of Fink, U.S. Patent No. 5,236,585. The Examiner objected to claims 10-13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if they were rewritten in independent form.

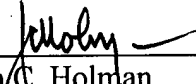
In response to the informalities noted by the Examiner, the subject matter of allowable claim 10 was incorporated into independent claims 1, 4 and 7. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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